(b) whether this service would also touch Orissa; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Sale of Burnt Oil by DTC

911. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Transport Corporation is selling Burnt Oil (waste oil) to un-registered refineries and traders, with the result it could reach the wrong hands manufacturing spurious Mobiloil in violation of Government of India Lubricating Oils and Greases Processing Supply and Distribution Order, 1987;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for which the DTC is not selling Burnt Oil to registered refineries or to those who have been provisionally granted licences recently for re-processing of Burnt Oil by State Governments, under the said order; and

(c) what norms have been laid down by the DTC for marketing the Burnt Oil and minimum price fixed, per barrel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) The Corporation is selling Burnt Oil only to registered refiners as approved by Ministry of Petroleum and any Government Department for self consumption. The Corporation is presently selling Burnt Oil for Rs. 1200|- per barrel of 205 ltrs., excluding taxes without water on 'As is where is' basis.

Changing of university Grants commission policy on fellowships

912. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the University Grants Commission has changed its policy on the duration of the U.G.C. fellowships and sanction of fellowships to those who have qualified the U.G.C. national test;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the new interpretation of its previous order deprives fellowships to 55 researchers, who qualified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) The value of the Junior Research Fellowships awarded by the University Grants Commission, Council of Scientific Industrial Research and other similar agencies has been revised w.e.f. 1.4.1987 from Rs. 1000|- p.m. to Rs. 1800|- p.m. in the first two years and from Rs. 1200|- to Rs. 2100|-p.m. in the subsequent years. It has also been decided that only those who have qualified in the existing National Tests or such other tests recognised as equivalent to National Tests will be eligible for the award of Junior Research Fellowships. The UGC has also decided that the duration of the Junior Research Fellowships will be four years and that in deserving cases, it could be extended by one more year.

(c) Under the Scheme of Junior Research Fellowships, the Commission finances about 3800 awards at a given time. These fellowships are allocated among various universities. Qualifying in the National Test conducted by the Commission does not by itself ensure the award of a fellowship. It is also necessary that there is a vacancy in the number of fellowships allocated to the University concerned for a candidate to get the award. The Delhi University has sought an additional allocation of 55 fellowships to accommodate more candidates registered with the University. The Commission has not yet taken a decision on this request.